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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Brendan N. McCommas
KENICHI MANABE, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2609
Application No.: 10/663,833)	
	:	Confirmation No. 2698
Filed: September 17, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS)	
AND IMAGE FORMING	:	
APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH)	
THE SAME	:	December 10, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document JP 2002-220122 the Examiner is respectfully referred to the respective English abstract attached thereto.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Authority is given to the Commissioner to charge for the necessary fees, or credit any overpayment, Deposit Account 50-3939.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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